

There is \$25 million in this budget for increased transportation costs, allowing Border Patrol to reduce overcrowding in facilities, moving individuals from crowded facilities to facilities that have room. None of that transportation money is available in a CR, which means the overcrowding gets worse.

But the crisis is even bigger because without a new budget, we can't pay the Border Patrol. We will have a \$770 million payroll shortfall—almost \$1 billion payroll shortfall—if we have a CR in the Department of Homeland Security rather than a new budget.

That will cripple our ability to manage the border. That will either mean massive layoffs of CBP personnel, USCIS personnel, or it will mean a massive reprogramming in which the Biden administration is forced to take money from cybersecurity and put it onto the border or steal money from the Coast Guard in coastal defense and put it on the border.

One independent study showed that a decrease of just 33 CBP officers at our ports of entry would decrease GDP by \$66 million and lead to a loss of over 1,000 jobs. Why? Because at our ports of entry, when you have a massive downsizing of personnel, wait times go up, businesses lose money.

If we are on a CR and we don't pass a budget, Coast Guard readiness is compromised. The money in this budget for a new offshore patrol cutter, for national security cutters, for the sustainment of the aging rotary wing aircraft fleet—unavailable. So our Coast Guard readiness continues to suffer, compromising U.S. national security.

We all know that cybersecurity is an increasing existential threat to the United States, and so this budget proposes a significant increase in our cybersecurity defenses. How is the Department of Homeland Security, without a budget if a CR is extended through the end of the year—we can't adjust any of our funding programs or priorities when it comes to cybersecurity. We are essentially stuck in a pre-SolarWinds environment in the Department of Homeland Security without the ability to adjust for current threats.

Finally, we will just be wasting a ton of taxpayer money. I will give you one example. Right now, we have thousands of empty ICE detention beds—thousands of empty ICE detention beds. We pay contractors to maintain these beds, to staff these beds, but there is nobody in them and there is likely not going to be anybody in those beds for the entirety of fiscal year 2022.

But if you are on a continuing resolution and don't pass a new budget negotiated together, Republicans and Democrats, then we are paying for beds we don't need. We are just wasting taxpayer dollars.

If we don't pass a budget, if we don't update the appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security, we

are going to be gutting our border protection, we are going to be costing the economy billions of dollars, we are going to be compromising the defense of this Nation, and we are going to be wasting taxpayer dollars.

We are sent here to be proper and responsible stewards of our constituents'—our taxpayers'—hard-earned dollars. They don't like sending their money to Washington, but they do so under the belief that we are going to be careful about how we spend it.

By just extending 2021 spending levels to 2022, especially when it comes to the defense of this Nation, especially when it comes to the protection of our borders, a CR could be disastrous as much as it is wildly irresponsible.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week, the Senate will consider Jonathan Kanter's nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

Mr. Kanter is a distinguished antitrust lawyer with decades of experience in the public and private sectors. He received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Albany and his law degree from Washington University School of Law.

After graduating, he worked as an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition. He then went on to spend more than 20 years in private practice as an antitrust lawyer. During that time, Mr. Kanter has become a highly influential advocate for strong and meaningful antitrust enforcement, with a special focus on the digital economy.

And he has earned support from across the political spectrum. Nine former heads of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division—representing every presidential administration going back to Gerald Ford—submitted a letter urging the Senate to quickly confirm Mr. Kanter.

These former leaders of the Antitrust Division wrote: "Jonathan Kanter has the talent and the leadership skills to do the job well. . . . He knows the substance of antitrust. He appreciates its importance to the American consumer. . . . In short, we believe Mr. Kanter is right for this important position."

The members of the Senate Judiciary Committee agree. Mr. Kanter was voted out of the committee by voice vote, a testament to his bipartisan support.

With his extensive experience as an antitrust lawyer, deep knowledge of the law, and masterful understanding of the challenges facing antitrust law enforcers, Mr. Kanter would be an outstanding addition to the Justice Department.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination.

VOTE ON THE KANTER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kanter nomination?

Mr. MURPHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASAN), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE).

The result was announced—yeas 68, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 470 Ex.]

YEAS—68

Baldwin	Grassley	Padilla
Barrasso	Hagerty	Peters
Bennet	Hawley	Portman
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Reed
Blunt	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Boozman	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Braun	Kaine	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Sinema
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Stabenow
Casey	Lee	Tester
Collins	Lujan	Thune
Coons	Lummis	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Manchin	Van Hollen
Cotton	Markey	Warner
Duckworth	Menendez	Warnock
Durbin	Merkley	Warren
Feinstein	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Fischer	Murphy	Wicker
Gillibrand	Murray	Wyden
Graham	Ossoff	

NAYS—29

Blackburn	Hoeven	Rubio
Burr	Johnson	Sasse
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Marshall	Shelby
Cramer	McConnell	Sullivan
Crapo	Moran	Toomey
Cruz	Paul	Tuberville
Daines	Risch	Young
Ernst	Romney	

NOT VOTING—3

Hassan	Inhofe	Shaheen
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions, and the Senate will resume legislative session.

The Senator from Rhode Island.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the exception of this speaker, who will speak for, probably, more like 20 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 467, confirmation of Graham Scott Steele to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 468, the motion to invoke cloture on Robert Farrell Bonnie to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 469, confirmation of Robert Farrell Bonnie to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

HONORING SERGEANT BREANNA J. JESSOP

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, months ago, as Americans watched harrowing video footage of the Afghanistan evacuation efforts, service men and women from around the world rose to the challenge of a complex mission. As the chaos persisted, the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army was called on to support noncombatant evacuation operations—NEO—at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan. They completed their mission honorably.

One member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a chaplain assistant, assumed the role as the noncommissioned officer—NCO—in charge of the airport chapel. Sergeant Jessop, despite tremendous obstacles of ongoing and imminent threats, conducted herself with courage, discipline, and attention to detail. Her work saved many.

Always putting the well-being of her fellow soldiers first, Sergeant Jessop used her ingenuity to ensure 4,000 U.S. military personnel and coalition forces had access to basic hygiene items at a time when resources were, at best, limited. Further, she made time to assist soldiers with religious support, help care for those who had suffered casualties, and ensure the well-being of the soldiers with whom she served.

At the height of the NEO mission, Sergeant Jessop showed outstanding leadership. She oversaw the operation of an entire orphanage that had been formed as a result of the increase in unaccompanied minors at the airport. She led the mission to assist in caring for children and offered assistance for children ranging from newborn babies to 17 years old. As a result of her untiring humanitarian efforts, over 400 displaced children were kept safe during the NEO mission.

Outside of her assigned duties and responsibilities, Sergeant Jessop, has helped pioneer the Under the Canopy Program which serves as a touchpoint forum for lower enlisted paratroopers.

There, she provides vital leadership to assist with planning, preparing, and overseeing the execution of each event. Her work helps hundreds of paratroopers each month to identify issues and discuss new and ongoing initiatives.

Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a native of Myton, UT, truly represents the U.S. Army values and what it means to be a paratrooper and Sky Dragon soldier.

About Sergeant Jessop, Maj. Gen. Chris Donahue once said, “There are so many different words that you could use to describe her: strength, resilience, willingness to share what others would never be willing to . . . that’s the type of remarkable person and paratrooper that she is.” I could not agree more.

Sergeant Jessop was recently recognized by the United Service Organizations as the 2021 Service Member of the Year. This award is fitting and well-deserved. Yet no award will ever fully honor the service of Sergeant Jessop. Her dedicated service to the children orphaned at Hamid Karzai International Airport and her fellow servicemembers is commendable and will be remembered and revered in the hearts of many for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LISA PISTERMAN

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fellow Kentuckian, Lisa Pisterman, from the Schnitzelburg community of Louisville, KY. You may not know this unique neighborhood that dates back to 1866. But you are all familiar with historic communities that helped form the fabric of your own hometown or metropolitan area, and you have witnessed many of them struggle to preserve their unique heritage while remaining relevant in a modern economy.

To that end, Lisa Pisterman served as president of the Schnitzelburg Area Community Council during a very challenging period when the council had struggled to move forward. With Lisa at the helm, a new sense of unity and purpose has emerged, and great things are happening.

In addition to her leadership on the council, Lisa has served as one of the local historians, allowing natives of the community and newcomers alike to reflect on its history and envision what is to come.

Lisa is the author of “Louisville’s Germantown & Schnitzelburg” and is currently working with other individuals to build the Germantown Schnitzelburg History Museum where visitors can study this community’s contributions to our great Commonwealth.

As her friends and neighbors recognize Lisa this month as Schnitzelburg’s

No. 1 Citizen, I want to personally thank her for all she has done and continues to do for her community and to wish her great success in the future.●

REMEMBERING ARNE SORENSON

• Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the esteemed legacy of my friend, Arne Sorenson, who passed away earlier this year. Arne’s many accomplishments in his personal and professional life continue to profoundly impact the lives of many. Most recently, Arne’s Marriott family, numbering over 120,000 employees, witnessed his high-caliber leadership as he navigated the company through a turbulent period in the hospitality industry. Arne was a faithful and compassionate servant leader, and I will always cherish his friendship.

Arne’s contagious spirit of kindness and generosity sets a high standard for what success looks like, in both public and private life. As a business executive, he cared deeply for his employees and customers and continued to serve as president and CEO while privately persevering through extraordinary health challenges. His selfless leadership is an example we can all aspire to.

The culture he helped build and foster at Marriott is unmatched. Arne’s decades of experience in the hospitality industry yielded outstanding results for his enterprise, notably the acquisition of over 30 hotel groups, elevating Marriott to be the largest hotel chain in the world. His humility and wisdom often carried the day. He consistently praised and recognized the achievements of his employees and partners and always sought feedback from friends, family, colleagues, and customers.

Above all, Arne was a faithful and loving husband, father, and friend. His integrity and values-based decision making extended from the business world to the benefit of everyone lucky enough to have known him, especially his wonderful family. Arne’s wife and four children were his greatest pride, joy, and purpose, and while they now mourn his loss, I hope they may find comfort knowing Arne’s light will shine on for eternity. May he rest in peace.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.